

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/826,333

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the remarks filed on May 11, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 27-62.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1 This action is responsive to the remarks filed on May 11, 2005.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2 The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

In page 1, under the title, in a new paragraph, insert, -- This application is continuation of a US. Application No. 09/600, 133, filed on 10/03/2000 which is abandoned on 5/05/2004 and which is a 371 of PCT/FR98/02834 filed on 12/22/1998.--.

In the claims:

In claim 30, in line 1, replace "compositio0n" with -- composition--.

In claim 37, in line 1, replace "R₁" with -- R₃ or R₄--.

In claim 58, in line 1, replace "multicompartment" with "multi-compartment--.

3 Claims 27-62 are allowed.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWNACE

4 The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record (WO 97/19998) does not teach or disclose a multicompartment device or a dyeing kit, a method for dyeing hair or hair dyeing composition comprising a laccase enzyme in a combination with a al least one oxidation base and at least one coupler chosen from 2-amino-4-N-(β -hydroxyethyl)aminoanisoale as claimed. Further, the obviousness rejection over Aaslyng et al. (WO, 998) in view of Junino et al. (US' 160), has been rendered moot because the comparative data submitted in the declaration filed on 5/11/2005 is sufficient to rebut any prima facie case of obviousness of the claimed combination of the

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ingredients because the applicant has demonstrated that the claimed composition provided much more intense color when applied to natural, permed or bleached hair (Delta E = 36.35 for natural hair, 42.602 for permed hair and 34.749 for bleached hair) than the prior art composition (Delta E = 16.574 for natural hair, 5.2726 for permed hair and 15.18 for bleached hair). Accordingly the claimed subject matter as a whole would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art of hair dyeing formulation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eisa B. Elhilo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1315. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:00 -5:30) with alternate Friday off.

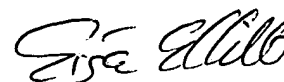
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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